

The Minnesota Chemist



Chair's Corner

Happy 2025 from the Minnesota Local ACS! This is a time of year when many of us contemplate our goals and ambitions, outlining plans for what we'd like to accomplish during this revolution around the sun. MN ACS officers are looking forward to the opportunities for connection and intersection among our members, and we hope one of your goals for 2025 is to become more involved!



Have you asked yourself...I wonder what the MN ACS really does? Did you know MN ACS sponsors: K-12 chemistry teachers, undergraduates, and graduate students to go to conferences, judges and award winners at the MN State Science Fair, local undergraduate and graduate symposia, chemistry-based social groups going on outings, evening speakers, safety training for high school chemistry teachers and graduate students, a high school Chemistry Olympiad team, a Chemistry Career Fair, Chemists in the Library, and a Fall Chemistry Family Day? Let me amend this...this list is what we do SO FAR. We welcome your ideas on growing the chemistry community in Minnesota! Let's mark this quarter century milestone with a positive delta. I mean, of course, what chemistry is and always has been...change.

Sarah Dimick Gray
Chair 2025

ACS MN Local Section News

Welcome to New Executive Committee Members!

Elections for Executive Committee positions were held in November. We would like to extend a generous welcome to all our newly elected members:

- Chair: **Sarah Dimick Gray**, Ph.D., Metro State University
- Chair Elect: **Andy Tangen**, Ph.D., Sherwin Williams
- Treasurer: **Arianna Kooyman**, H.B. Fuller
- Councilor: **Nicholas Schlotter**, Ph.D., Hamline University

We are so excited to work with you and see the amazing contributions you will make to the MN ACS Local Section!

Thank you to all who ran for one of the committee positions and to all who voted!

Fun MN ACS Holiday Social

The MN ACS Holiday Social was held on December 13th at the Urban Growler. We had a delicious dinner and a wonderful time networking with others. The kids (and adults) had fun decorating cookies, playing games, and creating crafts. We wrapped up the evening with chemistry themed door prizes. Thank you to all that joined up for the event. Watch the newsletter and website for our next local section event.



Volunteer opportunities



Chemists in the Library

Watch the Minnesota Local Section ACS website for details about upcoming events. If you are interested in helping as a volunteer, please get in touch with Phil Buhlmann (buhlmann@umn.edu); he would be grateful to hear from you. No preparation before events is required, and no commitment has to be made; volunteers can sign up for one event at a time.

Chemists in the Library Events 2025

January 25, 1:30 PM: Farmington library

February 22, 1:30 PM: Rondo library, Saint Paul



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